

CITY OF NASHUA ASSESSING DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MONITOR

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Hours: Monday -Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abatement Applications

The abatement application (property assessment appeal) begins after receipt of the December tax bill. The application deadline is March 1, 2022.

The applications forms are available at https://www.nashuanh.gov/1260/Forms---or by visiting the Assessing Office during regular business hours.

2022 REVALUATION STATUS

The City has lifted the suspension of Interior Inspections and Vision Government Solutions will send a letter to the property owner of properties having received an exterior inspection during this period requesting that the property owner call to arrange for an interior inspection. Letters will be sent by Ward starting with Ward 1 in July this process will continue into early 2022. Ward 3 letters will be mailed in early December, with Wards 4, 5, and 6 being mailed in late December. Wards 7-9 will be mailed in February.

The data collectors will carry photo identification from Vision, and a letter from the Assessor's Office. If you have questions as to the identity of a data collector, call the City of Nashua Assessor's Office (603) 589-3040 for further confirmation. Each data collector has personal and vehicle information registered with the Nashua Police Department. It is always recommended that homeowners request identification before granting anyone permission to enter their home.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETINGS

The Board of Assessors meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:00 am in the third floor auditorium in City Hall. The next several meetings are scheduled for November 4th and 18th, December 2nd and 16th, January 6th and 20th.

NOTE – THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER HAS SWITCHED TO A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

MUNICIPAL TASKS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

RECEIVE AND PROCESS ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS, ELDERLY EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS AND VETERAN CREDIT APPLICATIONS. ISSUE NOTICES FOR ANNUAL CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, AND RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS. PROCESS DEEDS AND TRANSFERS.

Sales Qualification Letters

The City of Nashua has mailed out Sales Qualification Letters to owners who have recently purchased property in the city. State law requires that your property be assessed at market value. Market value is defined as the amount a typical buver would be willing to pay for a property. Sales are analyzed to determine if it is an arms-lenath transaction. Armslength transactions are sales that occur between a willing buyer and willing seller who are unrelated, when each is acting in a knowledgeable manner, whom are under no duress. involving properties that have had sufficient market exposure. Sales involving foreclosures, fiduciary deeds, and bankruptcy are examples of non-armslenath transactions. and therefore are not included in the ratio study. If you have received a sales qualification letter, please take a few minutes to answer the questions on the form. If you have any questions, or would like to arrange a property inspection, please contact us at (603) 589-3040.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is a revaluation? A revaluation is an update of all assessments in the municipality conducted under the direction of state-certified assessor or contractor whose duties are to discover, list and value all taxable real property in the municipality, in a uniform and equitable manner. The assessor is not involved in the collection of property taxes.
- **2. Why is a revaluation necessary?** The state requires that all property in a municipality be assessed at its "full and true" market value. Further the <u>NH Constitution</u> (Part 2 Article 6) requires that each municipality takes value anew every five years. A revaluation is the most equitable way to accomplish this.
- **3. Will all property values change?** Most likely, yes. However, not all property values will change at the same rate. Market value will have decreased more for some neighborhoods and property types than for others. Some neighborhoods and property types may have increased in value and others may have remained the same. One purpose of a revaluation is to make sure that the assessed values reflect the changes that have occurred in property values.
- **4. Market value. What is it?** State law requires that your property be assessed at market value. Market value is defined as the amount a typical, well-informed purchaser would be willing to pay for a property. For a sale to be a market value (arm's-length) sale, the seller and buyer must be unrelated and willing parties (not under pressure) to sell or buy, the property must be on the market for a reasonable length of time, the payment must be made in cash or its equivalent, and the financing must be typical for that type of property. RSA 75:1 further defines market value as: "... the property's full and true value as the same would be appraised in payment of a just debt due from a solvent debtor."
- **5.** Is it necessary that you view the inside of my property? To make a proper assessment on a building, it is desirable that an inspector see the inside as well as the outside of the property. The law requires that property be valued from an actual view or the best information available. Records do not always reflect current data on the physical characteristics of each property in the municipality.

TERM DEFINITIONS

Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System (CAMA) means a system of appraising property that incorporates computer-supported tables, automated valuation models and statistical analysis to assist the appraiser in estimating value for a revaluation, assessment data maintenance and valuation update. **Rev 601.11**

Contractor means the person, firm, company, or corporation with which the municipality has executed a contract or gareement for assessing services. **Rev 601.14**

Cyclical Inspection means the process of a systematic measure and listing of all properties within a municipality over a specified period of time. The term includes "data collection" and "data verification". **Rev 601.15**

Cyclical Revaluation means the process of combining a full statistical revaluation of the entire municipality with a cyclical inspection process. **Rev 601.16**

Data Collection means the inspection, measuring, or listing of property within a municipality. The term includes data verification. **Rev 601.17**

Listing means recording a description of the interior, exterior, and attributes of any improvements or the recording of the description of land features and attributes. The term includes "list". **Rev 601.30**

Mass Appraisal means the utilization of standard commonly recognized techniques to value a group of properties as of a given date, using standard appraisal methods, employing common data and providing for statistical testing. **Rev 601.33**

Measure means the physical inspection, verification, sketching and recording of the exterior dimensions and attributes of any improvements made to a property. **Rev 601.34**

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Project Status Report From June Perry City of Nashua NH Date: January 13, 2022

CODE	TASK
100	Bonding, Office Set-up, Project Set-up, Public Relations
200	Data Collection, Data Mailers, Building Permits, Sales Inspections, Quality Control and Data Entry
300	Residential Valuation
400	Commercial/Industrial Valuation
500	Residential Field Review, Data Entry
600	Commercial/Industrial Field review, Income Production, Reconcile Cost and Income
700	Digital Imaging, Documentation
900/ 1000	Project Finalization, Change Notices, Special Land Pricing, Client Meetings, Support of Values, Goodwill

Task 100/200

- Bonding is complete. GIS maps have been provided. Building permits are being completed by the City through April 1, 2020. Vision is responsible for building permits though April 1, 2022.
- Public Relations will be on going throughout the project, with on-going sample press releases provided, and meetings available upon request.
- Updates will be provided throughout the project.
- The initial startup meeting with the Board and DRA was March 2, 2020, at City Hall.
- An update to the Board was held on June 4th, September 18th, December 17th, 2020, and March 18th, June 3rd, October 7th, and (November 15, 2021 with council)

 December 16,2021.



- Project commenced March 3rd, 2020.
- Data Collection guidelines have been completed. Lister's information has been completed and the police department has been informed of all aspects of the data collection phase of the revaluation.
- Data entry will be ongoing throughout the project, commencing after June 2020.
- Usernames and passwords have been assigned and will have people associated with them do the data entry.
- Daily communication with the Assessor's office is on-going concerning the progress of the data collection as well as any issues to be addressed.
- Ward 1-9 Property record cards have been printed.
- Images are being taken and will coincide with production numbers.
 Images are also being captured to the live database.
 Data entry is on-going.
- The database is live in Nashua NH
- Data collection

Ward 1 count 3,869

Ward 2 count 3,478

Ward 3 count 2,845

Ward 4 count 2,287

Ward 5 count 4,480

Ward 6 count 3,035

Ward 7 count 3,027

Ward 8 count 2,764

Ward 9 count 3,521

The following is the measure and listing numbers accountable as of January 8, 2022

Total Residential Improved Parcel Count 25,605

Measures 25,306 Total Interior Inspections 2253 Refusals to Date - Partial/Full 7/301

Total Measures with refusal 25,607

Total Percent Complete Measured 100 %



Total Commercial/Industrial/Exempt Improved Parcel Count 1,964

Total Measures 1964
Total Interior Inspections 0
Entry Rate 0%

Total Percent Complete Measured 100%

Refusals to Date 3

The callback letter has been approved.

Ward 1 residential class mailed 6/30/2021

Ward 2 residential class mailed 8/13/2021

Ward 3 residential class mailed 11/22/2021, for December appointments

Wards 4,5,6 residential class mailed 12/21/2022 for January -March appointments

Wards 7,8,9 residential class scheduled to get ready to mail @March 18th for

April- June appointments

Data collection for Building permits is on-going.

Task 300/400

- Residential valuation is scheduled to commence in 2022.
- Preliminary analysis in 2022
- Income and Expense forms are being sent out by the Assessor's office.

Task 500/600

• Field review is scheduled to be completed in 2022.

Task 900

- The following timetable is for the hearing phase of the job through the project's completion.
- Impact notice mailing no later than July 2022.
- Appointments taken for hearings scheduled for July/August 2022.
- Hearings scheduled for July/August 2022.
- Second Impact Notices mailed by August 2022.
- Project Completed by September 1, 2022.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

June Perry Project Manager 508-351-3634